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SUBJECT: UN MEMBERSHIP FOR SRV

REF: A) BANGKOK 26113, B) BANGKOK 26033, C) BANGKOK 25790

1. IN SEPTEMBER 21 CONVERSATION WITH MFA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES DIVISION CHIEF PRASOET MASUDI, EMBOFF WAS ASKED WHETHER USG WOULD VETO SRV MEMBERSHIP WHEN ISSUE IS TABLED IN SECURITY COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER. PRASOET SUGGESTED THAT SINCE PREVIOUS U.S. DECISION TO VETO APPEARED TO BE BASED ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, FUTURE POSITION WOULD DEPEND ON WHO WON ELECTION.

EMBOFF REPLIED THAT BOTH PRESIDENT FORD AND MR. CARTER HAD MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT REASONS FOR DECISION TO VETO AND IMPORTANCE OF SRV MAKING INFORMATION ON MIA'S AVAILABLE. PRASOET REPLIED THAT U.S. WOULD PROBABLY ALLOW SRV TO JOIN UN; OTHERWISE " THE DEAL YOU WORKED OUT WITH FRANCE" TO DELAY VOTE HAD NO MEANING. U.S. WOULD HAVE GONE AHEAD, VETORED AND SETTLED ISSUE FOR THIS YEAR. EMBOFF EXPLAINED WE NOT RPT NOT IN A POSITION TO SPECULATE. PRASOET THEN SAID THAT THAI POSITION IS AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED-- RTG SUPPORTS SRV MEMBERSHIP IN UN--AND ADDEE THAT, CONFIDENTIAL

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GIVEN OPPORTUNITY, I.E. SC RECOMMENDATION FOR SRV

MEMBERSHIP, RTG WILL PROBABLY CO-SPONSOR MEMBER-SHIP RESOLUTION IN UNGA.

2. COMMENT: RTG DESIRE TO SHOW ACTIVE SUPPORT OF DIPLOMATIC ACCOMMODATION WITH ITS COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS. KNOWING ITS SECURITY LIMITATIONS, RTG CAN BE EXPECTED TO SEIZE EVERY REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY DIPLOMATIC GOOD WILL TOWARD SRV IN HOPES OF AVOIDING A MORE SERIOUS CONFRONTATION.
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